

## ***GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION***

### **An Unshakable Kingdom Daniel 2:24-49**

*“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed” Daniel 2:44a*

#### **Day 1: Read Daniel 2:24–28.**

1. What loving action does Daniel take towards the astrologers whom Nebuchadnezzar wants to kill for their ineffectiveness? How do you think it is possible for Daniel to show compassion to his enemies? Can you describe a time when God prompted you to do something for someone who in effect was your enemy?
2. How does Daniel respond to the king’s question? How is his answer similar to what the astrologers reply in Daniel 2:10–11? What is the one important difference?
3. How does Daniel emphasize to King Nebuchadnezzar that God is indeed in control? (vs. 28)

#### **Day 2: Read Daniel 2:28–35.**

4. Why has God revealed the mystery of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? (vs. 30)
5. What is the origin of the rock as Daniel describes it? (vs. 34)
6. What does the rock do to the statue? How are the remains of the statue described? (vs. 35, see also Psalm 1:4)

#### **Day 3: Read Daniel 2:36–45.**

7. The four kingdoms of the statue have traditionally been identified as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. After Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar that his kingdom of Babylon sports the golden arches, how does Daniel describe each of the remaining kingdoms?

Second Kingdom–

Third Kingdom–

## Fourth Kingdom–

8. What do you notice about the worth of each succeeding kingdom?
9. What is the fifth Kingdom? List Daniel's descriptive phrases about the fifth Kingdom. (vss. 35, 44)
10. What themes flow from this vision of the fifth Kingdom?
  - a. Who is the rock? (I Peter 2:4–8)
  - b. Who creates the Kingdom? (vs. 44)
  - c. How does the Kingdom (mountain) grow? (see Matthew 13:31–33)
  - d. What happens to every other kingdom? (Luke 20:18)

### **Day 4: Read Daniel 2:36–45.**

11. This message of God's sovereignty must have brought great hope to God's people, who were living through dark times. What further assurances do we have from God's word? (Reflect on Revelation 11:15, Hebrews 12:28.) If you are going through a difficult time now, explain how these truths might give you comfort and encouragement.
12. Nebuchadnezzar must have taken great pride and assurance in Babylon's golden position, yet ultimately it as well as every other kingdom is left blowing in the wind. What shaky kingdoms might you be trusting in for your security and happiness, instead of God's unshakeable kingdom?
13. Spend a few moments praying, asking God to reveal the counterfeit kingdoms in your life. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:9–10)

### **Day 5: Read Daniel 2:46–49.**

14. At the beginning of this chapter, Daniel is in imminent danger of being executed. How has his position changed as the curtain closes on this chapter? How has Nebuchadnezzar's position changed? (vs. 46)

15. God's giving Daniel this interpretation of the dream was specific and supernatural at this momentous time in history. What unveils minds and illuminates hearts to understand what God has revealed through Jesus? (Look at 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 3:14–18; James 1:5; Colossians 2:6–10.)